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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

A concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English-language abstracts and on pages 14-15 of the specification. Also, U.S. Patent No. 5,918,222 is the U.S. patent corresponding to Japanese patent document 9-81632.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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